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## **REMARKS**

Claims 569-717, 719-869, 871-1021, 1023-1173, 1175-1294, 1296-1407, 1409-1568, 1570-1612 and 1614-1727 are pending and under examination in this application. No claim changes have been effected by this Communication.

As indicated in Applicants' August 31, 2000 Second Supplemental Amendment (page 11), their attorney was preparing a composite set of claims to submit to the Examiner. Now completed, these composite claims represent the latest pending claims in this application, taking into account Applicants' May 23, 2000 Amendment, their June 19, 2000 Supplemental Amendment and their August 31, 2000 Second Supplemental Amendment. A copy of the composite claims is attached to this Communication as Exhibit A.

Applicants and their attorney are hopeful that the attached composite claims (Exhibit A) will be helpful to the Examiner in considering the presently claimed subject matter.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

Claims 569-717, 719-869, 871-1021, 1023-1173, 1175-1294, 1296-1407, 1409-1568, 1570-1612 and 1614-1727 continue to be presented for further examination in this application. No changes to the claims have been effected by this Communication.

No fee or fees are believed to be due in connection with this Communication. In the event that any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

If a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of the present application, Applicants' undersigned attorney request that he be contacted at the number provided below.

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